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This is a Preliminary Amendment in response to the telephone conversations with Examiner Nashed on May 12 and May 17, 2006.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims**, as reflected in the Listing of Claims, begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.